The poor man to his neighbor simply lent The scant savings he could scaree forego.

The one paised on, and asked to know no

The other's wife all night, with pity brave, That neighbor's dying child was bending o'er, And never deeming it was much she gave,

Oh! God forgive us that we dare to ask Solace of costly gifts and fruitless sighs! Scorn on the sigh that shuns the unwelcome

The dole that lacks the salt of sacrifice!

No gilded palm the crushing weight can lift; No soothing sigh the maddening wee can

"Tis love that gives its wealth to every gift; Ill would the poor man fare without the -The Spectator.

#### Did Not Do It.

"Watch the levee, Sam, while I'm away. There are folks around mean enough to cut the levees and let the water on the crops just from pure wickedness. They don't like to see anybody doing better than themselves. Be sure and watch the point next Eldred's. We can't be too careful when the Mississippi is on the rampage, as it is now, and for this reason I am sorry to be obliged to go away to night, but I must see Judge Dickson. I cannot go to Brentwood and get back before morning. Now do you understand fully what is necessary for you to do? You must walk the levee all night Can you

"Why, of course, father," said Sam Dorsey, a bright-looking, delicate boy about seventeen years old, "I am not sleepy-head, and it won't be hard to keep my eyes open. No one will trou-ble anything on this front while I am around. If they attempt it, I shall do my best to prevent them." And delicate as he was, he looked as if he

meant it. Mr. Dorsey looked troubled at this speech. "Look here, Sam," he said. "I don't mean that you are to get into trouble with any person who may intend to do harm. If you see anything suspicious, or any one prowling around, all want you to do is to run to Black's, and the white men there have promised to come over here if they are needed,

Mr. Dorsey was not the owner of one of those princely estates on the Missiasippi which extend for miles down the front of the river. He was a hardworking man, who, by thrift and industry, had laid up money enough to purchase eighty acres of land. The promise of a crop this spring was very fine, and it would be a far greater misfortune for him to lose it than it would be for his wealthier neighbor, Col. Eldred, who counted his acres by thousands, to lose his harvest. In fact, a crevasse on Mr. Dorsey's place would be a total ruin. He walked into his

house with an anxious and worried look. "Milly," he said to bis wife, "I've left the levee in Sam's care to night, Give him something warm to eat; make him a cup of coffee, for he's got to stay on the levee till morning."

"What are you afraid of, John?" a ked his wife, looking keenly at him. Something troubles you. I am sure the river must rise a couple of feet before the water will overflow, and it cerminly will not rise as much as that toright. Besides, I've heard you say this evee was the strongest in the parish," suppose I'd better tell you," her

husband answered, "or you'll fancy all sorts of horrors. You know Black Webster, don't you, the engineer at Ei-

"Of course I know him. Why, it was his little son Phil that Sam was so kind to, when the child fell and injured his spine. Every little luxury or plaything that Sam got he used to take it to that little negro, and I believe he taught him to spell.

"Well, that has nothing to do with this man, I have good reasons for believing he cut the levce at Linwood's, and I told him so. Linwood had shot a horse of Webster's by accident, and that was the way he took revenge for the loss of his animal. Col. Eliced won't listen to anything against him. You see he is useful, and Eldred is a thoroughly selfish man. I've been told that Webster has said he would be re venged on me, because I accused him of cutting the levee, and this very evening I saw him walking down my front and examining it. He's a bad fellow, and will not hesitate to do me harm if the wish is in his heart,"

"But if he cuts your levee, won't Eldred suffer?" Mrs. Dorsey asked. "No. His is several feet higher than this place, and he has a levee between us besides. I'm very measy, and I hate to go away to night,"

Mrs. Dorsey was not a timid woman, but she was frightened at the danger which menaced them. She knew that the business which called her husband away could not be postponed, but the idea of exposing Sam to danger was more than she could bear,

"But, John," she cried, "what do you mean by sending Sam to guard the levee to-night? If Webster is the wretch you think he is, he would as lief murder him as not, if he comes in his

"Oh, I cannot believe there is any possibility that he would dare to do that, I've told Sam where to go if he sees any

But, John, Sam may not see him. And if Webster succeeds in cutting the levee, Sam would be drowned before he sould get here."

"Oh well, Milly, it i-n't worth while to make too serious a matter of this. We'll hope for the best. It's just a clear case of necessity, for I cannot get one of my neighbors to watch here tonight. They all have their own fronts to guard, but they promise to come here in case of accident. Come, wife, I've always thought you a brave little

woman before.' Mrs. Dorsey was a western woman, with a deal of western pluck, but it seemed to desert her in this emergency. "Have you told Sam whom you were

afraid of ?" she asked. "I did not mention any name. I thought it might make him nervous to know I had such an enemy. I only gave him a general warning, for no man has any business to be prowling

about the levees at night." "Men have no consideration," Mrs. Dorsey muttered to herself, as she watched her husband ride away. "They are not afraid themselves, and they have no sympathy for other people's

But her conscience smote her when she remembered the distressed look in her husband's eyes when he took leave of her. He was a most devoted husband and father, and she felt that nothing but stern necessity had forced him

to expose his boy to possible danger. When Sam came in to supper, she said to him, "I am going to watch with

you, Sam, to-night, on the levee. can take turns. You can watch till mid-night, and I will watch till daylight. I don't mind sitting up at all, for I'm so well and strong it won't hurt me a

The boy looked at her with surprise,

and then laughed outright.

"Why, mother, you must be crazy!
Do you suppose I'd let you do such a
thing? And you're awfully well and strong, aint you, with a chill and fever every three days? No, I promised pa, and he depends on me. What do you think he'd say when he comes back tomorrow if he found that I had let you take my place? No, no, I cannot consent to your doing it, mother. If I'm not as strong as most boys, it won't kill

for one night. I can't understand what you're scared about," She was on the point of telling him, but she remembered what her husband had said, and checked herself, "If you see any persons on the levee, Sam, you'll remember to do what your father told you, and run to Black's? Don't

me to promenade up and down the levee

stop to talk to them." Oh, I'll remember. If you will give me my supper now, I'll go on my watch

During the meal Sam chatted gayly. He didn't believe anybody would be mean enough to cut the levees. Oh, it was impossible, and he thought his father must be mistaken. Mrs. Dorsey, in spite of herself, caught something of her son's bright hopefulness, and in some degree was comforted.

'I'm off now!" cried Sam, jumping "I'll run at once to Black's if I see any one fooling around, so don't you feel uneasy. I won't be lonely either, for I have lots of things to think about. I tell you what I'll do, too. I have my whistle in my pocket, and every time I get apposite the house I'll blow it so you will know I'm all right, and not asteep on my post. But do go to bed and don't

There was no sleep for Mrs. Dorsey that night. She sewed until her eyes sched, and then lay down on a lounge, istening for the whistle which came at ilmost regular intervals,

Meautime. Sam walked up and down. his eyes fixed intently on the shadows back and front of the levee. But about midnight, after the moon had risen, Sam was startled by seeing a dusky figure at the base of the levee rise suddenly from a stooping posture. so unexpected that the boy, with his eyes fixed on the figure, stood still a minute. but that time sufficed for him to recogpize the man.

"Why, Webster, is that you?" he eried, with a laugh of relief, "I was just about to elip it to Black's, when I aw it was you. Pa was afraid his levee would be cut to-night, and told me to give the alarm if I saw any one skulkng about. I tell you what, I am glad t turned out to be you. How is Phil?" "Phil's well," he answered sullenly, 'So you're the levee guard, is you? Your pa left a mighty puny somebody

to watch his levee."
"Well, you see, I don't really think the levee needs a guard. Now, Webster, do you think that any body would be mean enough to cut a levee and ruin

people?" 'Yes, I does, and sarve 'em right,

o," the man muttered.
"You don't mean that," Sam said, his voice full of pain. "I know you can't mean it, for you wouldn't do such a thing for the world. Phil used to tell me what a good daddy you were, and when I brought him things to eat he'd put up some for dad,"

"You wer good to him," the man said, taring out over the water "I don't know about being good," Sam answered, "for I like him, and he likes me. He's to go on with his book when this levee scare is over. Do you really

think the water will come over?" "Looks like your pa's place mought be drowned out. It's so low, and dere's a heap of crawfish holes in de levee," Sam sighed deeply. Well, if it does, my father says he'll have to go away,

and it's too bad after he's worked so hard. And then I shall be obliged to give up going to school. That'll hurt me terribly, for I wanted to learn all I could. You see, my arm is so crippled with rheumatism I can't do hard work, and I have to make my living by my head if I can't do it with my hands. I'd hate to part with Phil, too, and he and I

would be very sorry."

The man's eyes softened as the boy spoke. He was really fond of his own little son, and he knew Sam had been a kind friend to him. When he vindictively determined to revenge himself on Mr. Dorsey, he never thought of his being the father of the boy who had done so much for his poor little Phil. He wayered for a moment in his dark project,

and just then Sam said,-"I've stopped here chatting to you longer than I ought, for pa told me to keep walking up and down all the time, legs are getting awful tired; but, Webster, would you mind walking to the south end of the levee while I'm ex-

amining the north end? It will save me one tramp at least." As Sam disappeared in his round, the man actually laughed in his surprise,

"Et dis aint de beatenest ting I eber heard of, and ef dat boy aint more like one of de 'Postles dan livin' folks! can't tink harm ob ole Satan hisself. Leavin' me to watch his pa's levee, and nebber suspicionin' I wor ready to cut it! I clar to gracious it's downright funny. I aint got it in my heart to hurt dat little chap, and ef I hurts his pa, l hurts him, and of I hurts him, I hurts

Phil. No, I can't do it, nohow. De madness is all gone now, sure. Hi! wot's dat?"

A little pool of water had gathered around his feet. He struck a match, lighted a lantern he carried, and saw a small stream of water oczing from a hole about the middle of the levee. In less than an hour that hole would be a crevasse. Without a moment's hesitation, Webster dashed off to the Eldred plantation and was soon back with twenty

They drove down piles, they shovelled dirt, and Webster himself worked as if his life depended upon saving his enemy's field. In two hours the leak was

closed and the danger over.

'Yon've saved us, Webster,' Sam said, his voice faltering. "What a noble fellow you are, and how you worked! I must leave pa to thank you; I can't do it as I would like,"

"I don't want no thanks," the man said, roughly. "I done it fur you! You hear me! And I done more dan you knows ob fur you dis night."

When Mr. Dorsey returned the next morning and heard the events of the night, he exchanged a glance with his "The boy saved us, Milly," he said when they were alone. "There's no doubt in my mind that Webster was at that levee for the purpose of cutting it, but the goodness and innocent faith of our boy disarmed him. Love was stronger than hate this time, for which I am very grateful,"-Youth's Com-

The digging of irrigating canals is be-coming an important industry in Colo-rado, New Mexico and other parts of the West.

THERE are 10,000 periodicals published in the United States, and the country has an army of 275,000 school

THE builder of the first iron steamship which made a sea-voyage, Charles Manley, has lately died in England, at the age of eighty.

Advantages of Rank Growth. With rank growth we usually expect a bountiful harvest. Also, it helps very much to suppress weeds. Another advantage is, a rank growth seldom suffers from drouth, severe and protracted enough to nearly ruin lighter crops which did not shade the ground. Again, rank growth has power to resist depredations of insects. Colonel Curtis lately noted that "the rankest growing potatoes received very little injury from the bugs." I was impressed by the same fact this season daily seeing a neighbor's crop on rich land, planted thick in drills, and then growing so rank as to completely cover the ground while standing, or before they lodged down. There came apparently about as many bugs to these potatoes as we would have found on the field even with onefourth the amount of growing tops. Nothing was done to kill the bugs, and yet one could scarcely see any damage they were doing, and now, as the crop is just matured, it does not look to be any the worse for the bugs.

A leading horticulturist in town manures his plum orchard heavily, and tills thoroughly to obtain as rank and strong growth as possible, and this, he says, will cause such an over-abundance of fruit to germinate that what the curculio will destroy of it only thins out the crop to about what is proper for the trees to bring to maturity, and following is plan of foreing a rank growth, he very year gets a large yield of smooth perfect fruit from these trees, Partly to secure shading of the soil the farmer uses double quantity of seed to the acre, for his sowed spring crops, so that nearly all the growth at the first start of his oats barley and the like, shall be of the grain desired, in order that it shall preoccupy the land instead of its starting half grain and half weeds, as would be the case by only grain and half

using one-half the amount of seed. Were it not for the desire in the above ease to thus occupy the ground at once, less than half the seed would suffice, a that is all that finally survives to make the crop. Rankness in any crop is known to be so favorable for subduing foul growth, that farmers will often sow such fields to rank-growing crops, such as buckwheat or sowed-corn, for the purpose of cleaning them of the foul weeds or grasses they might be infested with, and as rankness tends to mulching and shading the soil, and as this in its turn helps to add to its fertility, it is worthy of note that no very rank crop seems to exhaust the soil it grows on, but that any field after growing such a crop will give better promise for another good erop to follow it than a field would from which only a light or medium crop had been taken, -HENRY IVES.

#### Lost his Stateroom.

On a European steamer en route to this country not many days ago there was a newly married couple who attracted attention from the rest of the passengers. They seemed to be very happy as was natural, of course, but there was a cloud hanging over these oung lives. Whether some one told the young man that brandy was good for sessickness, or whether he had only temporarily abandoned the perniciou fluid, could not be ascertained; but the fact was that one evening the groom was discovered on the upper deck, feeling along the rail very carefully and inquiring in a thick tone of voice if anybody had seen the door of his stateroom. He fumbled along, vainly endeavoring to open an imaginary door in the rail when some of the passengers found him and offered to assist him to his room. "F-f-forgotten number, gen'I'men,"

said he, "but I'll know when I see it, an'll b'all right." No one in the crowd knew the num ber, but relying on his assurance that he should know the door, they helped him below and halted him before the door of a room which he said was his. The door was not locked, and so they opened ft and tumbled him in. In just two seconds afterward he emerged about half-way between the sill and the ceiling, and landed in the middle of the passageway in a heap, while a gruff voice said: "What are you doing in my

room, you drunken villain?" Evidently he had mistaken the locality. The assembled crowd then piloted him to another door a short

distance down the passage, "No mistake this time; found him

said the inebriate. sure," The door was locked, but after a few vigorous raps it was opened an inch or two, and the unfortunate fellow precipitated himself against it and landed in the middle of the floor. Instantly a chorus of shrill screams issued from the room and on the instant an ancient maiden lady dashed from the room and landed plump against a fat old fellow of the rescue party, who sat down very suddenly with a violence that shook the vessel from keel to truck.

"Oh, take him away! take him away!" and amid a chorus of screams the groom was hauled out of the stateroom and the lady was persuaded to re

Well, to make a long story short, they put the paralyzed young man into 150 out of the 162 staterooms of the steamer, and he was fired out of every one of them more or less violently, ac cording to the temper of the inmate. The 151st stateroom seemed to belong to him, and so the crowd, after standing about and catching the murmur of mild reproaches and entreaties, mingled with disjointed explanations, withdrew to laugh,-Boston Globe.

#### Living Forty-Six Days on Grass and Dew

The ability of a human being to exist for a long period without natural food has been again demonstrated in a recent instance, which has been investi-gated with much interest by the Austrian doctors. A pessant woman lost her way in a Bohemian forest, and was unable to return to her home. She wandered many miles and at length sank down exhausted, and was unconscious and unable to respond when her neigh-bors went through the forest looking and calling for her. Parties of villagers continued to search for her in valu, and at the end of a month all hope of finding her alive was abandoned. On the ing her alive was abandoned. On the forty-sixth day after she had been lost, she was discovered by accident. The poor woman was still alive, but was in a pitiable condition. She had subsisted entirely by sucking dew from the leaves and by eating grass. When found she was surrounded by a number of half-famished foxes, evidently awaiting her death.

#### The Cour d'Alene Collapse,

A letter from Montana describes the mines as they now are: Speaking of mines, before arriving at Livingstone I had the opportunity of visiting the re-nowned Cour d'Alene mining district from the Thompson Falls point of entry, and you may be sure the chance did not slip by unheeded. From a two days' experience among the gulches, ravines and towns of the once celebrated district and an impartial examination of the claims of greater renown, such as the Widow's Property, Webfoot, Toes, Wolf and other mines, I should judge it to be a very good place to keep away from. Never in the history of mining excitements in the Northwest has there been so flat a collapse as now prevails in the Cour d'Alene minion region. A great rush was made in the winter and early spring, when the snow was on the ground, and excited prospectors staked off any number of claims on the presumption that they were gold bearing and would yield up their treasures when the snow disappeared. While some of the mines were good and gave promise of great richness, the mass of them were found to be worthless and of no value whatever, which caused an exodus to be set in, or rather out, nearly equal to the rush that populated it a few months previous, I wandered from Raven City to Butte, from Butte to Murray, from Murray to Osborne and from Osborne to Eagle. With the exception of Murray, which contained what little life there was still left in the expiring Courd'Aleues, everything bore a deserted, woe-begone appearance, as if some great calamity had fallen upon the doomed region, sweeping away every vestige of humanity and leaving nothing but the cabins and tumble-down shanties to tell that the place had once been inhabited.

On all sides could be seen playing cards, in ones and twos and threes and sometimes in whole packs, floating in the creeks, hid among the rocks and in the gulches er strewn up and down the paths and roadways, whichever way you turned. Look this way, and a queen of spades was mournfally eying you; look that way, and a knave of diamonds was diabolically smiling at you; look the other way, and a king of clubs was threateningly warning you not to "tread on him." Thousands of poker checks were scattered liberally among the dust and mud and rocks, as if the greatest gambling establishment on earth had suddenly been overturned by an earthquake or some other great upheaval of the ground, and the red, white and blue chips profusely distributed in showers over the surrounding country. In its palmiest days the Cour d'Alenes must have been a great gambling as well as mining district, if the evidences to be met everywhere in the neighborhood of Pritchard Gulch are to be believed for what they say.

#### Mosquitoes and Yellow Fever.

It seems from the observations of Dr. Finley, of Havana, reported in the "Annals of the Royal Academy of Sciences' of that city, that there are good reasons for supposing that the mosquito is the carrier of the contagion or virus of yellow fever. He says that the female alone stings and sucks blood, the male being a harmless sort of body that lives on the juices of vegetables, those of a sweet character principally. The female stings, not because she likes blood paricularly, but because it furnishes an amount of nourishment and heat that is necessary in order that the eggs she is about to deposit in the water may beome matured. Those that have satisfied themselves with blood lay eggs in a few days, while those which have purposely been kept so they could not reach supply of this rich food die without depositing any. The blood of a person with fever is especially in favor with this iosect, as it is several degrees higher in temperature than that of a healthy person or animal. The larger variety of mosquito is able to take enough blood at one time to enable it to go on with its egg laying duty, but the smaller ones are more vicious, and have to come back for more blood several times, even ten or twelve in number.

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